



MERC Meeting Agenda

9:00 a.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97144229718>

June 20th, 2024

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome and please introduce yourself, your organization, and the role you play at your agency and new information concerning your agency.

Attendee's at today's meeting:

- Dan Hutchison- CHS/ROSC
- Angella Holloway- CHS/ROSC
- Liz McQuaid- CHS/OEND
- Mark Knott- CHS/ROSC
- Alicia Moesner- CHS/RCORP
- Jessica Banner- CHS/Recovery Coach
- Cora Hughes- MERC Executive Board
- Danielle Voelkel- CHS/RCORP
- Doborah Humphrey- Madison County 708 MH Board
- Dusty Hanner- CHS/OEND
- Elbert Jennings- Illinois State Police
- Jen Nagel-Fischer- Porchlight Collective
- Kathy Kehrer- CHS/CCE
- Katie Unthank- ROSC Region 5 Mentor
- Kelly Jefferson- NAMI
- Michelle Brooks- Madison County 708 MH Board
- Paul Fischer- Porchlight Collective
- Robyn Robinson- Comprehensive Behavioral Health
- Toni Randall- CHS/ROSC
- Tracy Dones- CHS/CCE
- Ty White- Community Member
- Tawana Howard- St. Clair County Health Department
- Tyrone Hill- Amare RCO
- Julie Pohlman- CHS/ROSC Region 4
- Jennifer Schulz- Centerstone
- Tisha Lancaster- DCFS
- Monique Brunious- CHS/ROSC

Old Business

Last month Brent Cummins (bcummins@chestnut.org) – Chestnut Health Systems – updated the group on what has been going on at the Maryville site:

- crisis residential/detox (22 co-ed bed unit)
- residential treatment units (16 bed unit for males and 16 bed unit for females)
- psychiatric services are also provided within these programs
- the Maryville campus also has some outpatient level services available

To learn more about available services or to schedule an assessment/admission please call Chestnut’s Central Access team at 618-877-4420

*Follow up from Brent regarding a question posed during last month’s meeting: Brent followed up with Chestnut’s medical director, Dr. Garner, who will provide withdrawal management for Benzodiazepines for youth ages 12 and up through Chestnut’s Family Health Center. Anyone seeking these services can call the Central Access team at 618-877-4420.

Announcements and upcoming events

- At the Edwardsville Library there are monthly Stigma conversations along with Narcan demonstrations which will continue to be held on the 3rd or 4th Wed. of each month check the library Facebook page schedule.
- Weekly Early recovery meeting Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at 144 E Ferguson in Wood River (Amare). Open to the public.
- Liz McQuaid update on Black Woodstock: the team handed out 360 boxes of Narcan with 30 boxes of test strips
- Strategic plan review and ideas for FY25
- Deb H.: transportation summit upcoming in Aug. looking at better connecting those in need of assistance getting to treatment. More information to come.
- Porchlight Collective update: upcoming trip/training in NYC to tour Harlem and the locations of overdose prevention space, will report back on take away. Also looking for input and diversity in Regional Care work through opioid funds, looking at gaps that may exist in services, support & funding.
- Elbert J : “National Night Out” coming 2nd Tuesday in Aug. 4-8 pm. Where the officers of local police forces come and engage the community to continue in the building of positive relationships. More info to come.

New Business

This month we are looking at where and when we can schedule an in-person meeting for the near future looking for input about places for meetings and will work on getting a survey monkey sent out to the council. Look for a survey monkey with in the next week.

Wellness Moment

- Mark Knott – Chestnut Health Systems Community Health Specialist III

MERC Upcoming Zoom Meeting

July 18th, 2024 at 9am

Next subcommittee meeting is July 9th, 2024 @ 2pm

Metro East Recovery Council (MERC) Vision:

A community system that nurtures and supports individuals and families seeking or maintaining recovery for themselves or a loved one.

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Mission:

Collaborating to build and empower communities of recovery.